

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A network device that connects with an information processing device via a network, the information processing device storing setting information which is used for a preset control of the network device, said network device comprising:

a setting information memory module that is configured to store the setting information;

a receiver module that receives the setting information, which is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device, via the network from the information processing device; and

an update module that updates the storage in the setting information memory module, based on the received setting information.

2. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said update module selects the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device among the received setting information, when the received setting information includes setting information mapped to identification information allocated to another network device.

3. A network device in accordance with claim 1, said network device further comprising:

a transmitter module that sends a transmission request of the setting information to said information processing device via the network.

4. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein

the transmission request includes the predetermined identification information.

5        5. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein  
said transmitter module sends the transmission request in  
response to a requirement from said information processing device.

6. A network device in accordance with claim 3, said  
network device further comprising:  
10        a search module that searches for a location of said  
information processing device on the network.

7. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein  
said information processing device is present at a certain location  
15        on the network, which is known to said network device.

8. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein  
said transmitter module sends the transmission request on a  
start-up of said network device.

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9. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein  
the setting information includes transmission timing information  
regarding a timing of the transmission, and  
said transmission module sends the transmission request  
25        based on the transmission timing information.

10. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein  
said transmitter module sends the transmission request, when said  
receiver module receives a notice showing that the setting  
30        information stored in said information processing device has been

updated.

11. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
the identification information is set in advance on shipment of said  
5 network device.

12. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
the identification information is set after shipment of said network  
device.

10 13. A network device in accordance with claim 12, wherein  
the identification information is set based on a location of said  
network device.

15 14. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
said network device is a printing device.

15. A setting method of carrying out specified setting to  
control a network device connecting with a network in use, said  
20 setting method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a setting information memory module that  
stores setting information used for a preset control of said network  
device;

(b) receiving setting information, which is mapped to  
25 predetermined identification information allocated to said network  
device for identification thereof, via the network from an  
information processing device that is connected with the network  
and stores the setting information mapped to the predetermined  
identification information for identifying said network device; and

30 (c) updating the storage in the setting information memory

module, based on the received setting information.

16. A recording medium in which a computer program used for carrying out specified setting to control a network device  
5 connecting with a network is recorded, said computer program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

receiving setting information, which is used for a preset control of said network device and is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device for  
10 identification thereof, via the network from an information processing device that is connected with the network and stores the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device; and

updating a storage content in a setting information memory  
15 module, which is incorporated in said network device to store the setting information therein, based on the received setting information.